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Amendment dated December 17, 2007
Responsive to the final Office Action dated October 18, 2007

REMARKS

Prior to the present Office Action, Claims 18-19, 21-22, 24-26, 38-39, and 43-58 were pending. Claims 44-49, 52, 54, and 58 have been canceled, and therefore claims 18-19, 21-22, 24-26, 38-39, 43, 50-51, 53 and 55-57 remain pending.

5 The examiner states that claim 54 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. However, the term "outflow rim" was properly introduced in response to the last Office Action (see amended claim 50), and therefore this rejection is believed obviated.

10 Applicants acknowledge the indication that claims 18-19, 21-22, 24-26, 38-39 and 43 are in condition for allowance, and that claim 54 would be allowed pending resolution of the aforementioned 112 issue. Accordingly, claims 44-49 and 58 have been canceled, and claims 52 and 54 combined into claim 50 and canceled as well.

15 Consequently, Applicants believed that all of the pending claims are now in condition for allowance. If there is any further hindrance to allowance, the Examiner is encouraged contact the undersigned by telephone.

Prior to the pending Office Action, a fee was paid for the original 25 claims, with 5 of them being independent claims. The aforementioned claim additions and cancellations have not resulted in more than the original number of claims, and **thus no claim fees are believed to be due** to file this amendment.

20 Respectfully submitted,

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